

LAST NIGHT'S TV

BY ROBERT O'SHEA



IQ test misses bullseye

TEST The Nation purported to be a show that would tell you how smart you are.

Your reviewer figured this out an hour before it began, when he realised he had agreed to review a programme on at the same time as potentially the greatest darts match ever.

A broken remote control added to the *Krypton Factor* atmosphere, thus there was an assault course included in my own test as I leaped over a sleeping dog every couple of minutes to switch back to the darts.

The show began with the memory test, which is a bit hazy in my mind now, moved on to visualisation, logic, perception and, after the fifth set of the darts, verbal reasoning.

Six teams of taxi drivers, bankers, models, artists, hurlers and the Bebo generation

Test The Nation: The National IQ Test, RTÉ1

were tested live, joined by comedian Neil Delamare, author Cathy Kelly, former Rose of Tralee Aoibheann Ní Shuilleabháin and "the one with the annoying voice from *Mooney goes Wild*" — the latter finishing with the highest IQ of the celebrities.

Somewhat annoyingly, the results went to stereotype, with the models and taxi drivers trailing behind and the bankers leading the way.

Text results showed us that Monaghan people have the highest average IQ with 110, though how high we can rate the intelligence of people who text in to TV programmes is questionable.

Cork was one of many counties unrepresented and presenters Miriam O'Callaghan and Craig Doyle never explained why.

Men beat women 103 to 99, though many men, being wily by nature, may have texted in saying they were women while answering all the questions wrong.

Flashing lights and funeral music added nothing to the show, though that was perhaps appropriate as IQ has more to do with bells and whistles than being a serious indicator of intelligence. Not so, claimed Doctor Colm Cooper, compiler of the questions, who said: "IQ is a useful predictor of many things," while failing to list any.

But fair enough, if you have faith in this sort of thing. Even totting up my own score proved beyond me because, unlikely as it may seem, it was... 180.



Co-presenters of the show Miriam O'Callaghan and Craig Doyle.

Solutions

Wordpuzler

M	O	U	S	E	L	Q	T	P	L
G	A	M	P	O	B	Y	U	I	A
W	O	O	D	P	E	C	K	E	R
D	Y	S	A	M	A	U	L	T	A
E	L	W	P	I	R	N	D	A	B
H	Z	B	S	U	F	K	L	E	B
U	D	U	C	K	O	H	B	S	I
J	D	N	E	L	I	K	O	E	T
I	L	N	F	T	U	R	O	S	W
K	O	Y	M	I	P	M	P	I	G

1. Mouse
2. Pie
3. Woodpecker
4. Bear
5. Rabbit
6. Boop
7. Pig
8. Bunny
9. Duck
10. Oyl

Easy Sudoku

2	7	4	8	6	5	9	8	1
8	9	6	2	1	4	3	5	7
5	1	3	9	8	7	4	6	2
1	2	9	6	3	8	7	4	5
7	3	8	4	5	9	1	2	6
4	6	5	1	7	2	8	3	9
3	4	2	5	9	1	6	7	8
6	8	1	7	2	3	5	9	4
9	5	7	8	4	6	1	2	3

Hard Sudoku

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8	9	2	7	1	6	4	3	5
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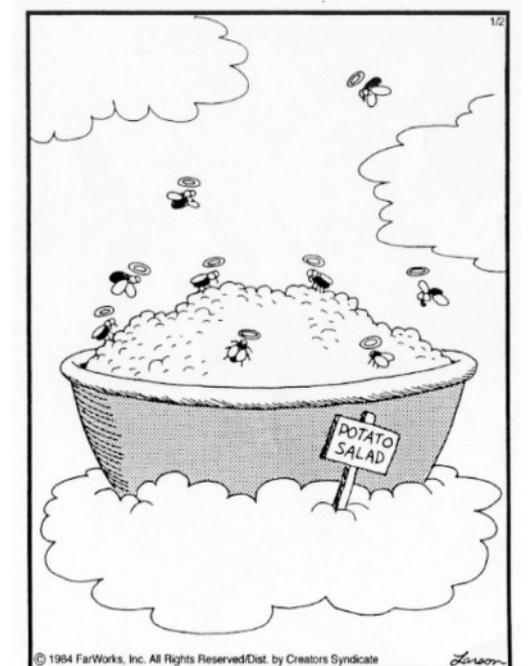
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BIRTHDAYS



THE hero of Quebec, general James Wolfe, was born on this day in 1727; Wimbledon hero, AWC 'Wentworth' Gore, who took part in every competition from 1888 to 1927, winning three titles. Eileen Reid is 64; Tia Carrera is 40; Cuba Gooding Jr. is 39 and Christy Turlington, *above*, is 38.



IT HAPPENED TODAY...

BY DERMOT RYAN

IT WAS so cold in Cork on this day in 1767 that people went skating on the Lough. But, unfortunately it wasn't safe to be out as the city was targeted by robbers.

● CORK city gained some considerable commercial clout on this day in 1242 when a charter was granted by King Henry III in return for an annual fee of £80.

This allowed the city to collect taxes and appoint officials to run affairs and also

● TWO famous Romans died on this day in 17 AD, the poet, Ovid, and the historian, Livy, while astronomer, Sir George Airy, died in 1892 and the singing cowboy, Tex Ritter, passed away in 1974.

helped develop the rights of the citizens who could not be tried for murder by any other authority.

The more warlike had to curb their initial instincts to challenge an accuser to combat, as they now had to go for trial by jury.

● CELTIC and Rangers fans were united today in 1971, in grief if not in sport.

At the end of an Old Firm clash at Ibrox, 66 supporters were killed when crush barriers collapsed as thousands of fans made their way out of the stadium.

● ON THIS day in 1996, US peacekeepers arrived at last into Northern Bosnia to try to keep the peace between Bosnian Serbs and Muslims, following the signing of the Dayton peace plan the previous month.

The first US military operation in Europe since the Second World War, the international force ensured the creation of two entities, one for Bosnian Muslims and Croats, the other for Serbs.